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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 83, APRIL 23, 1976
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1. ENTIRE MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO MIRV DEFINITION
(ARTICLE II.5). SOVIETS SHOWED FLEXIBILITY WITH
RESPECT TO LANGUAGE OF THEIR VERSION - FOR EXAMPLE,
ON POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING REFERENCE TO "DIVISIBLE
FRONT-ENDS". US PRESSED FOR CLARIFICATION OF TERM
"RAZMESHCHENY" (UNOFFICIALLY TRANSLATED BY SOVIETS
AS "CONTAINING") AND POINTED OUT POSSIBLE CONFLICT
BETWEEN NARROW INTERPRETATION OF THIS TERM AND
ARTICLE VI PARAGRAPH 1 WHICH PROVIDES INTER ALIA
THAT LIMITATIONS APPLY TO THOSE ARMS UNDERGOING
OVERHAUL AND REPAIR. SOVIETS DECLARED MEANING OF
"RAZMESHCHENY" IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE
VI PARAGRAPH 1. SOVIET SIDE AGREES THAT, IF MISSILE
IS REMOVED FOR REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE FROM LAUNCHER
WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN COUNTED IN 1320
AGGREGATE, THIS WOULD NOT MEAN THAT LAUNCHER WOULD
CEASE TO BE COUNTED IN 1320 AGGREGATE FOR THAT PERIOD.

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SOVIETS ALSO POINTED OUT ARTICLE III OF ABM TREATY

TRANSLATES VERB DERIVED FROM "RAZMESHCHENY" INTO
ENGLISH AS "DEPLOY" AND SAID SAME TRANSLATION POSSIBLE
FOR MIRV DEFINITION. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 27. JOHNSON

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